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SUBJ: TIN CONSULTATIONS

1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED GSA TIN DISPOSALS, GOI DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE SAYING IT CONSIDERS PRESENT TIN MARKET SITUATION AS EXTRAORDINARY AND OF TEMPORARY NATURE. GOI UNDERSTANDS MOTIVES OF USG IN REVISING PROGRAM AND RECOGNIZES THAT HIGH PRICES ARE NOT IN THE GOI INTEREST BUT VIEWS 12,000 TON LEVEL WITH DEEP CONCERN. GOI IS WILLING TO AGREE TO FURTHER DISPOSALS AT A LEVEL "WHICH WILL NOT DISRUPT TIN MARKET NOR CAUSE STEEP FALL IN TIN PRICES". GOI REQUESTS THAT LONG TERM DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS BE CONCLUDED WITH ITC FOR INCREASED AMOUNT OF TIN WHICH GSA HAS THE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE.

2. GOI ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ADIWOSO SAID THAT GOI WAS
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THINKING OF LEVEL OF 6,000 TO 7,000 TONS FOR THE NEXT

FOUR MONTHS AND HOPED THAT SOME COMPROMISE BETWEEN THAT AND GSA'S 12,000 TON PROPOSAL COULD BE REACHED. GOI WOULD LIKE TO SEE TIN PRICES STABILIZED AT AROUND 2 DOLS AND 30 CENTS.

4. MALAYSIAN AIDE MEMOIRE NOT YET RECEIVED BUT MALAYSIAN DCM HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT GOM HOPES GSA WILL STAY WITH 6,500 TON JUNE TO DECEMBER DISPOSAL LEVEL. IF NOT, GOM

DESIRES GSA WAIT UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER 18 ITC MEETING BEFORE ANNOUNCING FURTHER DISPOSALS.

5. IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES EA EMBASSIES MAY WISH TO POINT OUT AGAIN INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN HOST GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ON RUBBER AND TIN. THEY VIEW HIGH RUBBER PRICES WITH CONCERN BECAUSE IT ENCOURAGES SUBSTITUTION WHEREAS HIGH TIN PRICES WHICH ALSO COULD RESULT IN SUBSTITUTIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE CONCERN. RUSH

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